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Mr. John A. McCone
President's Air Policy Commission
Department of Commerce Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

Reference is made to your letter of 29 October 1947 pertaining to the inquiries you have submitted to this Agency, with particular reference to the following quotation from that letter:

"I would further request that there be stated the facts and sources of information on which the conclusions are based, and where the information is of doubtful value, that that fact be stated."

This Agency is extremely reluctant to indicate sources of information or the facts surrounding the technique of collection. I can assure you that any conclusions made will be based on information we feel is reliable and that no conclusions will be made on information of doubtful value.

I am sure you can see the security implications involved and will appreciate that any study presented to your Commission will be the result of thorough research and analysis by specialists in that field. We are sorry that we cannot comply fully with your request as quoted above.

Please be certain of our full cooperation in providing you with the best available information pertaining to your requirements.

Sincerely,

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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October 29, 1947

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

As a result of a conference today between [redacted] and Mr. Harold Johnson, I would like to amplify one point in my letter to you of October 20. In that letter I asked for your opinion on a number of questions concerning the Russian economy and war-making potential. I would further request that there be stated the facts and sources of information on which the conclusions are based, and where the information is of doubtful value, that that fact be stated.

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If answers to one or more of the questions set out in my letter should be completed before the others, I think it would be helpful if we could have those when ready. The answers may themselves raise questions which would affect the remaining replies, and time might be gained.

We appreciate the call of [redacted] and your very helpful cooperation. STAT

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

John A. McCone
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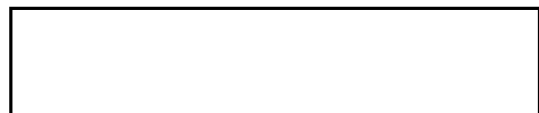
I have appreciated very much all your letters, and I have been most interested in them and have found them exceptionally informative. I am keeping in mind all the points you brought out, and, while it is most difficult to go completely to the end, things are moving along slowly. I think, from present conditions, you can see that some progress is being made although I agree with you that it is not fast enough.

With very best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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October 24, 1947

Mr. Walter I. Pforzheimer
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pforzheimer:

You had been kind enough to write me earlier about the possibility of my seeing Admiral Hillenkoetter. I shall be in Washington lecturing at the National War College Thursday morning, November 13th and I am wondering whether he would be free at any time during that afternoon. I should also very much appreciate it if interviews could be arranged for me with Colonel Montague, whom I had known very pleasantly when he was a member of the Joint Intelligence Commission, and with the chiefs of your Russian and Chinese desks. It is, as you know, in these two areas that our regional specialty at Harvard lies and I should like very much both to have the advice and counsel of your staff and to apprise them of what we are doing.

I should be most appreciative of such arrangements as you find it possible to make in these connections.

Please believe me,

Very sincerely yours

Donald C. McKay

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